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\*Somali Republic - Kenya: Tensions over Somali tribal claims to Kenya territory resulted on 24 February in widespread, officially supported rioting in Mogadiscio.

These demonstrations were set off by news of a recent armed clash between Somali tribesmen and Kenya police units in the British colony, and led to attacks on the American, British, Ethiopian, and French embassies. The British Embassy was stoned because of London's refusal to cede Somali-inhabited territory in Kenya, and the American because the US has supplied arms to Ethiopia--Somalia's traditional enemy.

In the violence in Kenya, which occurred on 20 February, the local police had to be reinforced by two platoons from Nairobi. The US consul general in Nairobi has some information suggesting that the rioting was well planned, and instigated by the Somali Government.

The Somali premier has called for a special meeting of Parliament for 5 March and may proceed to implement some of his earlier threats to curtail British air rights and the activities of a broadcast relay station.

A planned British military exercise in Kenya may result in further demonstrations in Mogadiscio and intensified government propaganda. On 26 February, the British East Africa command will stage an annual military exercise, involving some 4,200 troops, as a field test of a detailed plan for the defense of that portion of Kenya claimed by the Somali Republic.



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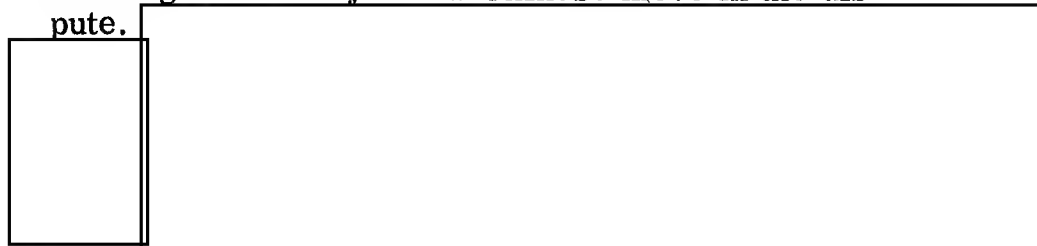
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Sino-Soviet Relations: The 22 February meeting between Mao Tse-tung and the Soviet ambassador in Peiping was the first time in the past several years that Mao has conferred directly with a Soviet official.

The meeting may have been in response to recent Soviet suggestions that the Chinese and Soviet parties hold bilateral talks on major points at issue between them. Peiping has not rejected these proposals but has insisted that the party which started the dispute must make the first move toward resolving it.

The most recent Soviet pronouncements, while urging a reduction in public polemics, have restated positions with which the Chinese have disagreed. Peiping has, over the past week, published these Soviet statements, including Khrushchev's 12 December speech to the Supreme Soviet, in which he attempted to defend his policies.

Peiping's action in placing this material on the record for Chinese readers may be intended to set the stage for a major new Chinese move in the dispute.



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USSR: [Khrushchev is apparently exploiting his decision to withdraw "several thousand" Soviet troops from Cuba in an effort to convince nonaligned nations of the USSR's sincere interest in reducing tensions.]

[On 21 February, Brazilian President Goulart informed the US ambassador that, earlier in the week, Soviet Ambassador Fomin had delivered a "long, cordial" letter from Khrushchev on the matter of Soviet troop withdrawals from Cuba. Khrushchev asked Goulart for his immediate personal opinion regarding the "desirability" of such a move on the part of the USSR.]

[Goulart reportedly told Fomin that retention of a large body of Soviet troops in Cuba would be injurious to Soviet relations throughout the Western Hemisphere. According to Goulart, Khrushchev subsequently sent his thanks and asserted that he agreed with the Brazilian president's views.]

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Belgium--NATO: Spaak has told Ambassador MacArthur that he favors proceeding as rapidly as possible toward a NATO multilateral nuclear force (MLF), despite some opposition within Belgium. Spaak is also considering the feasibility of establishing within the NATO MLF a purely "European component" which would include the British. He believes this would gain substantial support within the alliance for the MLF concept and would also frustrate DeGaulle's efforts to exclude Britain politically from Europe.

USSR-Indonesia: According to low-altitude photography, the Soviet ship Emelyan Pugachev, now in the Eastern Mediterranean and en route to Indonesia, is carrying Komar-class guided missile patrol boats, apparently the first of scheduled for delivery. A shipment of missiles for the Komars arrived earlier this month, apparently suggesting that they were originally intended for Cuba.

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France:

France has scheduled an underground nuclear test for about 10 March at its In Eker base in the south-central Algerian Sahara. Despite French-Algerian agreements covering continued use of the nuclear test sites, public Algerian protests are likely.

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